

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,
wherein the front display device includes a liquid crystal display panel through
which the variable display device is able to be seen;
a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the liquid
crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the
liquid crystal display panel;
~~a panel frame into which the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding
plate are fitted, held and integrated such that the front of a display unit of the liquid
crystal display panel has an opening, for holding the periphery of the display unit of
the liquid crystal display panel on a front side thereof having a panel frame peripheral
portion and a panel frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly
from the panel frame peripheral portion to form a panel frame receiving recess sized
to receive the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate thereby forming a
panel frame unit such that the panel frame peripheral portion surrounds the liquid
crystal display panel and the light guiding plate with the panel frame front portion
defining a panel frame window;~~
a base frame having a base frame peripheral portion and a base frame front
portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the base frame peripheral
portion to form a base frame receiving recess sized to receive the panel frame unit
such that the base frame peripheral portion surrounds the panel frame peripheral
portion and the base frame front portion forms a base frame window generally
corresponding with the panel frame window and contacts the panel frame front
portion in a facially opposing manner, the base frame attached in front of the gaming
machine for supporting the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate

integrated by the panel frame such that the front of the display unit of the liquid crystal display panel has an opening;

a transparent plate disposed in front of the base frame for covering the opening;

a machine front panel provided in front of the gaming machine arranged with the transparent plate;

a rear holder for holding the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate integrated by the panel frame and supported by the base frame on the base frame from behind, and for reflecting the light emitted on the light guiding plate to the side of the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more opening allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed.

5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said symbols are drawn.

6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

7. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising a transparent plate disposed in front of the base frame and wherein the transparent plate is disposed in contact with the base frame.

8. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the front display device further comprises a liquid crystal holder disposed between the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate, for holding the periphery of the liquid crystal display panel.

9. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and

a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device, wherein the front display device includes a liquid crystal display panel through which the variable display device is able to be seen;

a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the liquid crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the liquid crystal display panel;

a rear holder which is disposed between the variable display device and the light guiding plate, for reflecting the light emitted on the light guiding plate to the side of the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more opening allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed;

an antistatic sheet covering the opening of the rear holder;

a panel frame having a panel frame peripheral portion and a panel frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the panel frame peripheral portion to form a panel frame receiving recess sized to receive the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate thereby forming a panel frame unit such that the panel frame peripheral portion surrounds the liquid crystal display panel and the light guiding plate with the panel frame front portion defining a panel frame window;
and

a base frame having a base frame peripheral portion and a base frame front portion connected to and extending perpendicularly from the base frame peripheral portion to form a base frame receiving recess sized to receive the panel frame unit such that the base frame peripheral portion surrounds the panel frame peripheral portion and the rear holder, the base frame front portion forms a base frame window generally corresponding with the panel frame window and contacts the panel frame front portion in a facially opposing manner with the rear holder surrounding the anti-static sheet.

10. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the antistatic sheet is adhered to the rear holder with the double-sided tapes.

11. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which the symbols are drawn.

12. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.